

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD-CONSERVATION-ENERGY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review the implementation of the Horticulture and Organic Agriculture Title of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Rayne Pegg, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

DISCUSSION DRAFT—INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of October 1, 2009 Discussion Draft of the Investor Protection Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3817, To provide the Securities and Exchange Commission with additional authorities to protect investors from violations of the securities laws).

Will continue November 3.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2194, Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009.

MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on A Regional Overview of the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

FOOTBALL HEAD INJURIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Legal Issues Relating to Football Head Injuries. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; Roger Goodell, Commissioner, National Football League; DeMaurice Smith, Executive Director, NFL Players Association; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2213, as amended, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 2888, as amended, Devils's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 2781, as amended, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 86, as, amended, To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consist-

ency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; and H.R. 118, To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Executive Compensation: How Much is Too Much?" Testimony was heard from Kenneth R. Feinberg, Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dicks and Simpson.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3854, the "Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009". The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled

by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments in part B except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Small Business Committee or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of October 30, 2009, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing unemployment compensation. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez and Representatives Ryan of Ohio, Graves and Foxx.

RECOVERY ACT BROADBAND INVESTMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Recovery Act and Broad Evaluation of Broadband Investments on Small Businesses and Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and a public witness.

NEXTGEN AVIATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on NEXTGEN: A Review of the RTCA Mid-Term Implementation Task Force Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Hank Krabowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization; Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, both with the FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3949, Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemen's Protection Act of 2009; and, as amended, H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

BRIEFING—OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead Architecture. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine advancing United States interests in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State; and Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1230)

H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on October 28, 2009. (Public Law 111–83)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2009”, and revised subcommittee organization for the 111th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine performance-informed budgeting, focusing on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located